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Dear Mr. Akatani,

I should like to thank you for the "urgent appeal on the situation in East Timor", addressed, inter alia, to the Secretary-General, which you transmitted through Mr. Farouk Mawlawi of the Department of Public Information, on behalf of the numerous signatories.

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I would like to assure you that the Secretary-Genreal is following the situation in East Timor closely and will continue to make every effort to bring about an improvement in the human rights situation and to assist in the search for a comprehensive and internationally acceptable political solution to the problem.

Once again, I would like to thank the International Federation for East Timor and through it, all the signatories of the appeal for their concern on an issue of considerable importance to the United Nations.

Yours sincerely,

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